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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of:  
John Edward Ciolfi

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Art Unit: 2173

For: HANDLING PARAMETERS IN BLOCK  
DIAGRAM MODELING

Examiner: N. Pillai

**AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING A REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Decision by the Board of Patent Appeal and Interferences dated March 15, 2010, and the final rejection of September 8, 2006, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as indicated below. This amendment is being filed in conjunction with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE).

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.